

Quality Improvement Initiatives & Engaging Physicians in the Process

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, participants should be able to:

- 1. Recall differences between value-based healthcare and quality improvement initiatives
- 2. Recognize traditional metrics of quality review and intervention
- 3. Identify strategies for physician engagement in the quality improvement process



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Defining Value-Based Care

Value-Based Healthcare = Patient Outcome Improvement ÷ Cost of Care for Improvement

- Often confused with terms focused primarily on improved patient outcomes: quality improvement, cost reduction, patient satisfaction
- Research reveals successful value-based healthcare implementation includes:
 - Identifying and understanding patient groups whose diagnoses create an opportunity for a standardized approach to care to achieve consistent positive outcomes
 - Accountability governance structure of interdisciplinary teams to design, deliver, and measure care plans, outcomes and related cost of care to drive ongoing improvements

Source:





Traditional Quality Metrics

CMS Intent Across Measures

- 1. Safety: Care does not cause harm to patients.
- **2. Effectiveness**: Care is evidence-based and outcomes-driven to prevent complications and optimize disease management.
- **3. Transitions of Care**: Care is well-coordinated across different providers and settings.
- **4. Transparency**: Information is shared with patients and providers to guide decision-making and quality improvement efforts.
- **5. Efficiency**: Resource utilization maximizes quality and minimizes waste.
- **6. Eliminating Disparities**: Care is consistently delivered regardless of geography, race, economic status, or diagnosis.



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Historical Challenges in Quality Data

Only 37% of quality measures deemed valid by American College of Physicians



Unstandardized definitions



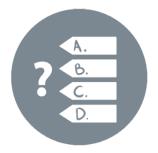
Varying data quality



Lack of context



Gaps in data



Confounding variables



Lack of national benchmarks



Time delays



Lack of comparisons to competition



Quality program "fatigue"

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Engaging Physicians in Quality Initiatives

Team Approach to Improvement Remains a Challenge

- Transparency and collaboration among team members is key to maximizing value in today's healthcare setting.
- Panelists are physician representatives from three health systems who are actively engaged in quality improvement initiatives within their respective organizations.
- These HealthTrust Physician Advisors will share insights into successful approaches which also incorporate physician engagement.



PANEL DISCUSSION



Measurement Cascade

Patient-Centered/ Population-Based Outcomes

Mortality Readmission

HAC/PSI

Hospital Acquired Infections

Length of Stay/ Excess Days

Medicare Spending/ Beneficiary

Time Sensitive Measures

Social Determinants of Health

Quality Incentive Programs

CMS Value-Based Programs (VPB, HRRP, HAC)

Payor Programs (BCBS, MCIP)

2nd Gen ACO Program Reputation-Driven Programs

Leapfrog

U.S. News Hospital Rankings

Hospital Compare/ Star Ratings

Accreditations/ Certifications **Center of Excellence**

Research & Grants
Development

Strategic Growth Opportunities

Recruitment of Top Talent

Increased Market Share



Key Takeaways

Six Domains of Healthcare Quality

- 1. <u>Be Safe</u>: Avoid patient harm from the care that is intended to help them.
- 2. <u>Be Effective</u>: Provide evidence-based services to all who could benefit, and avoid misuse in those who most likely will not benefit.
- **3.** <u>Be Patient-Centered</u>: Provide care that is respectful of and responsive to personalized patient preferences, needs, and values; ensure patient values guide clinical decisions.
- 4. Be Timely: Reduce waits and prevent harmful delays for both those who seek and those who provide care.
- 5. <u>Be Efficient</u>: Avoid waste in all aspects waste of equipment, waste of supplies, waste of ideas, waste of energy.
- **6.** <u>Be Equitable</u>: Provide consistent, quality care independent of personal characteristics such as geographic location, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.



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